



August 15, 2011

Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioners:

Agricultural production has changed significantly in the past 15 years thanks largely to technology. It is clear that improving access to high-speed Internet, 4G broadband and other technologies across rural Michigan is vital to agricultural production, processing and marketing in the 21st Century. And of course, the FCC's regulatory role will help determine how these technologies are deployed.

Incentivizing the build out of wireless networks certainly seems like a helpful approach. By permitting the merger requested by AT&T and T-Mobile, the FCC would not only encourage these companies to invest in wireless infrastructure, but would also stimulate competition and growth industry wide. This has been the case over the past several major industry mergers, which have delivered better innovation, service and pricing.

Because of these two companies' complementary spectrum positions and network locations, in addition to AT&T's committed infrastructure investment, we could expect mobile broadband service to become available to more than 97 percent of the U.S. population solely on account of this merger. Surely, its competitors would quickly fill the rest of the gap, providing even more choices for consumers. This deal could be the most significant step toward fulfilling the National Broadband Plan.

Improved access to high-speed mobile Internet could help Michigan agriculture production better seize opportunities to grow and create local jobs. If the AT&T/T-Mobile merger would help bring this advanced technology to the rural areas where so many of our members are based, then we certainly hope the FCC approves it summarily.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George House".

George House, Executive Director
Michigan Allied Poultry Industries Inc.